

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, since the beginning of the crime victims' rights movement, partnerships have formed among criminal and juvenile justice agencies, allied professionals, victim services, and the private sector to ensure that crime victims are treated with the dignity, respect, and help they deserve; and

WHEREAS, victim assistance organizations and crime victim advocates throughout South Carolina and the nation are dedicated to providing assistance, support, and comfort to victims and to ensuring that their rights are protected; and

WHEREAS, individuals, neighborhoods, and communities across our state and nation gain strength and power by uniting against crime and for victims' rights and services; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme, "Justice for Victims. Justice for All." helps raise awareness of the needs and rights of each individual who has fallen victim to a crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 13 - 19, 2008, as

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in remembering our victims of crime, in celebrating criminal justice reforms, and in envisioning a future free from violence.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA